

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

22 East 40th Street New York, N.Y. 10016 (212) 725-1222

October 15, 1973

Harold Weisberg
Rte. 8
Frederick, Maryland 21701

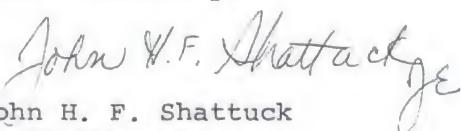
Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am sorry to have taken so interminably long to respond to your similarly interminable letter of last spring.

Frankly, I've been at a loss about how to respond. While I'm grateful to you for taking such pains to set forth your long struggles with the federal government, and particularly the FBI, I'm afraid what you have told me belongs in one of your books but is not something that a lawyer can get a handle on -- at least not this lawyer.

I wait anxiously for the D.C. Circuit's en banc ruling in your FOIA case. Meanwhile, I'm enclosing a copy of a very interesting FOIA decision by Judge Parker of the D.C. District Court, dealing with issues somewhat similar to those in your case and resolving them in favor of disclosure.

Yours sincerely,


John H. F. Shattuck
Staff Counsel

JS/je
encl.

Edward J. Ennis, Chairman, Board of Directors • Ramsey Clark, Chairman, National Advisory Council • Aryeh Neier, Executive Director • Osmond K. Fraenkel, Norman Dorsen, Marvin M. Karpatkin, General Counsel

Legal Department: Melvin L. Wulf, Legal Director; Sanford Jay Rosen, Assistant Legal Director • Staff Counsel: Joel M. Gora • Marilyn G. Haft • John H. F. Shattuck • Brenda Feigen Fasteau • Rena K. Uviller